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Jackson, Mississippi

September 22, 1967

INCIDENTS, NATCHEZ - ADAMS SCHOOL,
NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI,
SEPTEMBER 20 - 22, 1967
RACIAL MATTERS

On September 22, 1967, D. G. McLaurin, Superintendent of Adams County Schools, 106 North Commerce Street, Natchez, Mississippi, advised Roosevelt T. Turner, a colored male, and Bud Henson, a white male, both juniors at the high school, were in the physical education class playing touch football on September 20, 1967, and became involved in a fist fight with each other. They were separated, sent home, but not expelled. Turner received a swollen eye, and no weapons were involved in the altercation.

McLaurin said on September 21, 1967, four or five unidentified Negroes appeared at the high school, and inasmuch as they were outsiders not enrolled at the school, they were ordered off the campus.

He said on September 21, 1967, Lonnie Jackson, a colored male, and Johnny Norris, a white male, both enrolled in the senior class, made threats to each other, and were caught scuffling in the shower room. Both were suspended. Jackson, while waiting for a cab in the parking lot September 21, 1967, reportedly pulled a linoleum knife on one of the white students.

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On September 22, 1967, J. T. Robinson, Chief of Police, Natchez, Mississippi, advised he observed Klansmen Charles Davidson, First Name Unknown Davidson, First Name Unknown Stalmuke, Earnest Parker, C. D. Freeman, First Name Unknown Holland, and First Name Unknown Carnell, as well as First Name Unknown Mitchell, sitting in cars across the road from the high school. Chief Robinson challenged Earnest Parker, and Parker stated he was there to take his daughter out of school if violence erupts. Robinson also challenged Freeman who stated the purpose of his presence was to take his son out of school if trouble began. Robinson chased the Klansmen from the school area.

He added that today he noted approximately thirty fifteen to eighteen year old Negro males not enrolled in the Natchez - Adams School walking on Highway 61 toward the high school. These Negroes, according to Mr. D. G. McLaurin, were more than likely students at the Thompson School. With the assistance of two colored adults, James Jackson and Julius Calhoun, the Negroes were turned back and sent away.

Robinson continued after this incident today, Dexter Byrd, a white male, stopped at the corner of Linda Meade Drive, Natchez, Mississippi, where the same group of young Negroes appeared. The Negroes allegedly bumped Byrd's automobile, at which time Byrd took a swing at Isaah Young, Negro male, age seventeen, of the Lynwood Sub-Division, and Leroy Williams, Negro male, age eighteen years, 5 Reynolds Street, both located Natchez, Mississippi. Young and Williams were brought to the police station to sign charges against Byrd, but no Justice of the Peace was in the district to obtain the assault charges. Byrd has a witness, Bernard Wilson, Rural Delivery 5, Natchez, Mississippi, who heard the Negroes bump the automobile.

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Investigation in this matter was conducted by
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No further investigation being conducted.

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